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For : SERVER APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC MAIL  
TRANSMISSION CONTROL

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 12, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 12, 2006, with the present response being filed by the two-month due date of September 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this Response.